the mother-country; which diſputes have on many other accounts been injurious to your Petitioner, and your Petitioner has reaſon to believe have in ſome degree diminiſhed your Petitioner's income.

That, your Petitioner having obſerved the regard paid by you to Priſoners who have a large family of children, he is induced to hope your charity and benevolence will exert itſelf to relieve your Petitioner, by diſcharging his preſent load of debts.

And your Petitioner ſhall ever pray, &c.

GEORGE PIOUS KING.

The Society have appointed a day in the beginning of February for taking this Petition into conſideration.

To the EDITOR *of the* UNIVERSAL MAGAZINE.

A HINT PRO BONO PUBLICO.

MR. Falconer, in his account of Paraguay, mentions a moſt uſeful kind of timber-tree, which grows on the great mountain, called the Cordillera. It is a ſpecies of pine, large and lofty; but the wood is of an harder, more ſolid, and more durable texture, than ours. Mr. Falconer ſays it makes excellent maſts, and other materials for ſhip-building; and he quotes an obſervation of Ovales, that ſhips, built in the South-ſeas, often laſt forty years. Is not this a matter well worth our inquiring into? Our oaks are gone, and thoſe of Norway, &c. are following them at a ſpeedy rate; ſo that, in a generation or two more, our Navy, now the pride and ſafety of this country, muſt decline for want of timber in the dock-yards. If the Cordillera pine is really of ſo ſerviceable a nature as it is repreſented to be, ought we not to procure the ſeeds of it immediately, and plant our barren hills and mountains with it? Pines are of much quicker growth than the tardy oak; and they would not only provide us with a ſpeedy ſupply of ſhip timber, but in the mean time prove highly ornamental and uſeful to the ſoil in which they are permitted to grow.

Let us think of Poſterity, that our Memory may be bleſſed.

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Such and so bright an aspect now he wears,
As when thrô clouds th'emerging Sun appears:

The Nymph surveys him, and beholds the grace,
Of charming features, and a youthful face!
In her soft breast consenting paſſions move,
And the warm Maid, confeſs'd a mutual love.

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